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PERSONAL.

John J. Foy, of Pittston, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Kasson are spending today at Springville, Susquehanna county.

Blair Swincke, of Ringhamton, is spending Christmas at the residence of Patrolman Sloat.

J. G. Gordon, of the Carbondale Leader, is spending Christmas with friends on the South Side.

Dr. John Cuth, of Syracuse, is spending the holidays at the home of his parents on Phelps street.

W. J. Taggart, of the New York Mail and Express, is spending the Christmas with his mother on Linden street.

Alderman Fitzsimmons and Colonel F. J. Fitzsimmons will spend Christmas with their parents at Carbondale. Last evening the alderman spent considerable time in packing up his Christmas presents, which had been arriving at his office during the day.

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## SPECIAL TERM OF COURT

Alleged Violators of the Law Who Were Before the Bar of Justice.

### THE PLEAS OF GUILTY ENTERED

Thomas J. Bilboa Admitted His Transgression and Sentence Was Suspended. Cases Heard Before a Jury—McKenna Defended Himself.

Judge George S. Purdy, of Honesdale, opened the special December term of criminal court yesterday morning and presided in the main court room. Judge Archibald came upon the bench temporarily and handed down an order appointing County Surveyor A. B. Dunning, John W. Cure, of Greenfield, and H. H. White, of Glenburn, viewers to make a report at the next term of court regarding the erection of a road in Scott township.

Cases were disposed of without trial as follows: Commonwealth against Peter McCann, charged with assault and battery, the defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$10 and the costs of the prosecution; Commonwealth against Philip Gross, charged with feloniously wounding John Terrell, the defendant pleaded guilty and was remanded for sentence.

Thomas J. Bilboa, under indictment for embezzling school tax, was called for trial and he entered a plea of guilty. Bilboa in 1888 was collector of delinquent school tax in the Twenty-first ward, and he is charged with having retained money he collected. The case has been continued during several terms of court, as the defendant is showing a disposition to refund the money embezzled. Sentence was suspended until the next term of court, by which he has promised to have refunded the entire amount. Bilboa swung out as a politician and swamped himself in his efforts to get elected to council.

Mrs. Ann Cummings was put on trial for feloniously wounding Mary Casey. The case took up much valuable time before Judge Purdy, and it should not have got into court at all. The jury found a verdict of not guilty. Michael Casey was defendant in a surety case growing out of the aforementioned one, and on motion of District Attorney Kelly the young man was brought before the court and discharged with a reprimand by Judge Purdy, who placed the costs on the county.

### A Relic of the Glorious Fourth.

The last case for the day in the main court room represented Michael McKenna defendant in two cases, malicious mischief and simple assault. The prosecutor was an old man named Michael Healey. The prosecutor was without counsel and argued his own case very much to the amusement of the court. The prosecutor lives alone in a small hut in the Fourth ward of Carbondale. On the night before the last Fourth of July, the prosecutor alleges that McKenna and a companion came along about 2 o'clock in the morning and knocked the front door of his house from the hinges by fusing it with stones. On July 13 the defendant came along and threw a stone at the old man. McKenna admitted having thrown the stone, but denied being out the night before the Fourth. Constable Moran, of Carbondale, was the only witness for the prosecution, and he verified the prosecutor's story regarding the battered door, but he could not swear that the defendant was concerned in the mischief.

Judge Purdy asked the defendant if he had anything to say to the jury and Mr. McKenna made the following address: "Gentlemen of the jury, now don't look kind a funny that I would beat an old man? I did not do it, and I never even broke a dog's leg in my life. That is all I have to say." The jury acquitted him of malicious mischief and placed the cost on the county. They found him guilty, however, on his own admission of assault.

In court room No. 2 Judge Sittser, of Tunkhannock, held court. John Dolan and his wife, Bridget Dolan, were called to answer the charge of assault and battery inflicted by Mrs. Kate O'Brien. The jury divided the costs equally. A counter suit of assault and battery, in which the same parties were concerned, was similarly disposed of.

### Mangan Boys in Trouble.

Thomas Casey, of Minooka, had a charge against four sons of Patrick Mangan, his neighbor. The boys' names are: Patrick, Thomas, Michael and Martin. The boys were alleged to have thrown stones at the defendant and in the trial of the case it developed that the action was more an effort to vindicate spite than a desire to see justice done. The jury acquitted the boys and equally divided the costs between the prosecutor and the son, Patrick.

The next case before Judge Sittser was that of David Harris against Weigand Stern and Michael Stern. The Sterns had a case against the prosecutor and a man named Edward Howells.

Both cases were tried together. Attorneys Joseph O'Brien and C. Conroy represented the Sterns, and Attorney H. L. Taylor the other side. Last July a fight took place in the saloon of Weigand Stern, on Price street. Harris was drunk and bent on quarrel. Stern put him out and he came in again. Stern's wife was at the door and Harris caught hold of her, throwing her to the ground. Michael Stern, her son, went to get a club to defend his mother, and Edward Howells appeared on the scene and took it from the boy. The Sterns, father, mother, and son, Edward Howells and David Harris got tangled up in a fight and the suits are the result. The case was on at adjournment. Court adjourned until Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

### IN LOCAL THEATERS.

Marie Jansen, the widely known comic opera prima donna, in her famous play, "Delmonico's at Six," will be at the Frothingham this afternoon and evening. Miss Jansen made her debut last winter as a star in this comedy, and was accorded a most flattering reception wherever she appeared. The part of Trilzie Hazelmere, vaudeville queen, in "Delmonico's at Six," is said to suit her exactly. She is independent, forward, careless of conventional forms, and altogether breezy and delightful.

Ward and Vokes in their funny farce comedy, "A Run on the Bank," will be the attraction at the Academy of Music this afternoon and evening. The farce teams with specialties of a superior nature. There is a dash and vim and color in their action that causes the most blasé to respond vigorously. Of course, the central figures are Ward and Vokes. These magnetic comedians are full of clever original ideas, and their presence in farce comedy is sure to have a decided effect upon the risibilities of those in front.

Miss Rhea, who will appear at the Academy of Music Wednesday evening, Dec. 28, as Menck, the nee Magdalene, is about the average height, with hazel eyes, dark hair, Grecian nose, laughing mouth and pearly complexion. Her face, a very beautiful one, is made the more so by succession of smiles which play across it, each seeming to be brighter than the preceding one, and each seeming to try and retain possession. She is not only an actress, but an artist and musician of more than ordinary ability.

Chauncey Olcott will be seen at the Academy of Music Thursday night in his new play, "The Irish Artist." The play has plenty of merit, and makes Olcott bolder and stronger than he was in the "Mavourneen." Several new and catchy songs are introduced, and the costumes are correctly designed by Oden. Mr. Olcott wins plenty of attention, and his play is accepted with enthusiasm.

"In the Tenderloin," which will be seen at the Frothingham Thursday night, is a play which deals with phases of life in that part of New York city which has been the scene of so much prominence by the disclosures before the Lexow committee. It is one of the most realistic melodramas now on the stage.

Time-tried and tested is Jolly Joe Ott, and his big farce comedy company, who assisted in cornering merit at the Academy of Music on his former visit. How well he is liked is demonstrated in the fact that he has been secured for a return engagement at the Academy next Friday night. He will be assisted by that same clever company, who assisted in cornering merit at the Academy of Music on his former visit. How well he is liked is demonstrated in the fact that he has been secured for a return engagement at the Academy next Friday night.

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Many families were made happy yesterday through the ministrations of Mrs. W. B. Duggan, agent for the Board of Associated Charities, and Mrs. M. J. Flaherty.

From early morning until late at night they were busy journeying to all parts of the city to lighten up the gloom in homes where want sits enthroned at the head of the board and privation and suffering abound. In many of these homes there was not the slightest tokens to indicate that the season of feasting and good cheer was at hand. Bare cupboards and pinched cheeks, telling of hard struggles against adversity, were what the visitors observed.

But wherever they went they did something to make the unfortunate ones feel that they were not entirely deserted by their kind; that their sufferings touched a responsive chord in the hearts of those upon whom the fates had heaped greater favors. As a result of the beneficence of these humane and thoughtful persons many families will today revel in a greater variety of gastronomic luxuries than they have for some time past.

### The Work Accomplished.

Altogether sixty-two families were provided with dinners for today, consisting of chicken, meat, vegetables and desert. The children were not forgotten either. Through the kindness of a well-known gentleman who, however, objects to having his name made public, Mrs. Duggan and Mrs. Flaherty were enabled to allow Santa Claus to pay a visit to the homes of thirty-eight families and leave candy, toys, etc., for the children.

Many touching and affecting scenes occurred in many of the places visited by the ladies. A majority of those relieved were families that, in former times, had been in comfortable circumstances and they were at first averse to accepting anything that savored of charity. But the persuasions of the ladies overcame the scruples, and today these worthy people will dine as they have not before in many long and weary months.

### The Generous Contributors.

A donation was yesterday received from the employees of the Colliery Engine, which augmented those previously received from the pupils of Nos. 10 and 35 schools. One man gave a donation of twenty dinners, and three young men made a donation of ten dinners, and told Mrs. Duggan to select the families to whom they should be given.

Even the prisoners at the county jail will not be forgotten today in the general distribution of good cheer. There are 112 prisoners incarcerated there and Sheriff Fahey will today treat them to a turkey dinner with appropriate trimmings.

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DIED.

WYNN.—In Scranton, Dec. 24, Edgar Wynn, son of John and Bridget Wynn, of 517 Emmet street, aged 2 years, 2 months and 12 days. Funeral Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. Interment in Hyde Park cemetery.

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